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## B.C. fires out of control



Stewart Cinks Tom at Open



"It's time to overcome the gap of understand-

ing among people in this country."

Shawn Atleo



"We should be more inclusive of all our

citizens, no matter where they are."

John Beaucage



"We need more and more First Nations

people at all the decision-making tables."

Perry Bellegarde



"I've tapped into the anger and frustration

... Watch me, as Trudeau said."

Terrance Nelson



"We can do anything we want ... we

thousands and thousands of brilliant Indian people."

Bill Wilson

# Seeking united voice

Assembly of First Nations in Calgary to vote for new national chief

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LAURA EGGERTSON for Metro Canada



The National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations represents all of the 300,755 status Indians living on reserves, and also strives to advocate for the nearly 400,000 living offreserve, largely in urban centres.

As an advocacy organization, the AFN is in the often difficult role of attempting to give one voice to the myriad views among First Nations communities on vital issues ranging from poverty alleviation to economic development, land claims, the legacy of residential schools, and self-govern



This is a creation by Ottawa-based artist Tom Hogan, entitled United. Hogan's paintings reflect both his knowledge of Aboriginal mythology and his personal journey. For more on Hogan, see page 2. More First Nations coverage, pages 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 16.

ment

That single voice even if it cannot possibly represent all Aboriginal views—is the one the federal government hears. That's why the top job matters.

Shawn Atleo and Bill Wilson, both from British Columbia, Saskatchewan's Perry Bellegarde, Ontario's John Beaucage, and Manitoba's Terrance Nelson are all vying to be the ninth chief to lead since the AFN was founded in 1968.

"The national chief sets the tone of the relationship between Aboriginal Peoples and Canada," says David Newhouse, the chair of indigenous studies at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont.

That's also the reason style is as crucial as substance when it comes to a national chief. Previous leaders have ranged from those favouring a confrontational approach to others prepared to work within the system, governed by the much-maligned Indian Act.

The federal government doesn't always want to hear what the AFN has to say, but it ignores the organization "at its peril," points out Newhouse, a Mohawk from Six Nations of the Grand River. Governments have had to back down from critical pieces of legislation because they couldn't win AFN support.

The next leader also carries the critical responsibility of ensuring the AFN is relevant for the next generation of First Nations youth — their numbers are growing at a rate 3½ times faster than that of the general Canadian population.

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Charges dropped against man

The 38-year-old man arrested and charged in the sex assault of a Banff woman will be released and have his charge withdrawn. The ongoing investigation uncovered evidence that suggested the individual originally arrested was not responsible for the attack. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Local



### Storm rocks Edmonton

Residents of Edmonton woke up yesterday to find trees knocked over, power outages ongoing and the city a mess as heavy winds and lightning storm struck the city. The thunderstorm hit Edmonton late Saturday, wreaking havoc with the city's power system. "The city's electrical grid took a serious hit," said Tim LeRiche, spokesman for Epcor. "We lost 40 circuits and 55 power outages (are) the estimates." METRO NEWS SERVICES

### **Focus**On First Nations

### On the Cover

The cover art on today's edition of Metro, called United, was created by Ottawa-based artist Tom Hogan,

right. Born in Sioux Lookout in 1955, Hogan is a self-taught Woodlandstyle artist. His



vibrant paintings reflect both his knowledge of Aboriginal mythology and his personal journey — one which includes being abandoned as a child, addiction, ill health, and homelessness. Each of his works are a testament to his spirit's ability to overcome the often difficult realities of life. More about Hogan and his work can be found at tomhogan.ca

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### ty were all out for the 16th annual Sun and Salsa Festival in Kensington yesterday. Sandra and Perry Logan,

The sun and the communi-

along with their son Nate, came down from Airdrie just for the festival and were on a mission to try salsa from all 39 businesses.

"It's been perfect," Perry. "The weather has been co-operating and it's good to see the community pulling together like this."

Kensington businesses came out to compete in the salsa-tasting competition, with awards given out for best salsa, best presentation and most creative.

Going for its sixth win for best salsa was the Broken Plate with its Kopanisto salsa, filled with roasted red peppers, feta cheese, cream cheese and spices.

"It's No. 1 on the strip,"



Michelle Kowalevsky, 20, and Kristyn Aamodt, 20, both try some of the great salsas offered down at the annual Sun and Salsa Festival in Kensington yesterday.

said Chris Burylo from the Broken Plate. "We're really excited to be here."

Chips were available for \$3 with proceeds going to support the LEAD Foundation and Agape Hospice.

"Kensington has always sold itself as a village. Villages look after each other and their members," said or-

ganizer Annie MacInnis. "That's why this shopping district considers charity

fundraising a significant aspect.'

Final results from the salsa competition will be in today, said MacInnis, who expected more than 90,000 people to attend the festival.

### Sun shines on salsa fest | Fiestaval a big hit

LATIN CULTURE With a variety attractions such as bands, dancing, beer gardens and shopping, there wasn't a shortage of things to do at this year's Fiestaval.

Fiestaval promotes Latin culture and shows Calgarians some aspects of its diversity.

"We want to promote diversity and multiculturalism in the city, and to share with local Calgarians the culture that we are so proud of," said organizer Christian Greiffenstein.

According to Greiffenstein, they expected to have 45,000 to 50,000 people attend the event.

"There are a lot of Latin contingencies, a lot of Columbians, a lot of Venezuelans, a lot of Chileans, so it's good to be doing an event like this, said Martin Sahueza, who was attending the event.

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### WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY Video Two Canadian astro-

nauts make history aboard the International Space Station at metronews.ca/canada

Video A Vancouver race track plays host to a dash of the dachshunds at metronews. ca/canada

### Lotteries

Friday, July 17 Lotto Super 7: 12, 13, 31, 33, 37, 44, 46 Bonus 34 Saturday, July 18 Lotto 6/49: 2, 4, 15, 39, 45 & 49 Bonus 37

These results are not official.

### Three-alarm blaze destroys home on Memorial Drive

FIRE Adolf Amexaw returned to the charred remains of his Memorial Drive NW home yesterday morning to salvage pieces of preserved letters and other valuables from the rubble.

A three-alarm fire that officials said originated in basement ripped through the four-storey

complex Saturday night. Firefighters spent hours containing the blaze, then demolished the remaining structure. The cost of damages is unknown.

"We had several collapses," explained Jeff Budai of the Calgary Fire Department. "Once you reach a certain point, it poses a safety hazard if you were

to leave it standing."

Though the origin of the blaze is known, fire investigators have not been able to identify the fire's cause. The fire department said all occupants were accounted for and neither firefighters nor tenants were injured in the blaze.

Heat prevented firefighters from reaching the base-

ment at the time of the blaze, Budai said, However, investigators will today begin cleaning up the debris and continue the investigation once they are able to gain access to the point of origin. Any valuables uncovered at the site is cleared will be returned to the occupants. ALYSSA JULIE/ FOR METRO CALGARY



A man survey the rubble left after Saturday's fire.



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# Dangerous cycle for homeless

Aboriginals make up disproportionate percentage of those who live on city's streets

Every night shelters in Calgary are packed with people who have no place to call home. Many of them are Aboriginals.

Those of Aboriginal ancestry make up only two per cent of Calgary's population, but 17 per cent of the home-

Housing

 Housing programs in Calgary for Aboriginals or that have an Aboriginal component are Oxford House, Rainbow Lodge and the Urban Housing Corporation.

MacMillan, executive director of Sunrise Native Addictions Services, said root causes of Aboriginal homelessness are mental health and addictions.

Eve

"We have limited places to send them after treatment," said MacMillan.

"If you're going to go back to a shelter, chances are you're not going to maintain your sobriety. Then you start the whole cvcle again.



Aboriginal peoples make up two per cent of Calgary's population, but make up 17 per cent of the city's homeless population.

MacMillan said more housing and treatment beds are needed to break the cycle.

David Turner, from the

Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary, said not enough is being done in Calgary to reduce the number of homeless Aboriginals.

Turner said that a cultural program is needed to assist those on the

"Cultural support will reconnect homeless Aboriginal people with their culture and help provide them with an opportuni-

"We have limited places to send them after treatment ... If you're going to go back to a shelter, chances are you're not going to maintain your sobriety. Then you start the whole cycle again."

Eve MacMillan, executive director, Sunrise Native Addictions Services

ty to be self-sustaining," said Turner.

Turner said that a cultural component needs to be addressed in the Calgary homeless 10-year plan and cultural sensitivity training in needed in city shelters.

The Calgary Urban Project Society (CUPS) said they have an Aboriginal advocate to help facilitate referral services to Aboriginals in regards to food, clothing and hous-

### Survivors recount residential schools

ABUSE Canada's dark history with residential schooling still ripples through generations today, and has left suffering survivors to pick up the pieces in its wake.

Residential schools, created in the 1840s to assimilate Aboriginals into European-Christian society, took children away from families and, allegedly, into a cycle of abuse.

"Sit in your chair, shut up, and do it," said Reverend Travis Enright, referring to the teaching methods of the schooling.

Enright is assistant curate of All Saints Anglican Cathedral, and works with those affected by residential schools.

'There are many ... in their 60s and 70s, and they have never gotten over it. said Terry Lusty, a residential school survivor and counsellor with the Alberta Native Friendship Centre. Prime Minister Stephen

Harper apologized to survivors in June 2008 and Many have received repara-GRAHAM MCCANN/

FOR METRO CANADA

### Initiative helps ease move from reserve to Calgary

JOEL MESSNER for Metro Calgary

For some Aboriginals making the transition from living on a reserve to an urban setting can be a difficult

One Calgary initiative is trying to make the transition easier through a com-

munity partnership. The Calgary Urban Aboriginal Initiative (CUAI) makes partnerships with different organizations to connect Aboriginals to the urban world around them.

"We partner with communities, stakeholders, businesses and corporations to see how they can collaborate and work together, as well as address the issues that need to be addressed for urban Aborig-Calgarians," Christy Morgan, the senior community liaison for

According to Morgan, a

"It's helped to provide me with a foundation to stay connected to the community and the events that are going on around it."

Amber Schilling

lot of Aboriginals struggle when they first come to the

Morgan said CUAI gives Aboriginals the chances to connect with jobs and to connect with people in the

"We provide good opportunities for people that are coming into the city, to come in and engage with people that are here and give them a chance to engage with employment providers," said Morgan.

Not only does it allow for Aboriginals to connect with potential employers, but also to make connections that allow Aboriginals to learn about the city, such as housing, how expensive it is to live in the city and how to interact.

An example of other services CUAI provide Aboriginals is a recently held forum that educated Aboriginals how to deal with the H1N1 virus and how to handle a pandemic.

Amber Schilling is someone that has benefited from CUAI on several different levels.

"It has allowed me to connect with the community on both a professional level and social level, it is the opportunity to be part of something that is doing wonderful things," said Schilling.
"It's helped to provide

me with a foundation to stay connected to the community and the events that are going on around it,' said Schilling.

### Paul Band Nation works to combat drug issues

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ANDREW COWIE

**EDMONTON** Two months after two teenage girls overdosed on ecstasy on an Edmonton-area reserve, prob-

lems with drugs on the Paul Band Nation reserve continue despite best efforts of residents.

Trinity Bird, 15, organizing a and Leah House, 14, camp which both died from fatal doses of ecstasy, heal families which they swal-lowed before a wedding.

Ruby Bird, princi- the tragedy, pal at Paul Band First Nation K-9 \$7,000. School, says while

the community rallied behind the eradication of drug use on the reserve at first, efforts have waned over the last couple months.

"It was sobering at first and band administration really jumped in and said we have to do more and at the school. We said the same thing," Bird said. "Now it's kind of faded and, of course, the police try and do their drug busts, but I don't think it's very successful.

She said that crack cocaine and crystal meth are

still prevalent on reserve, and the have become bigger problems than alcoholism. She feels the issue needs critiwill help with cal attention.

"Drugs and liquor will always be a big factor in life on a reserve and in some way everyone is tied into it," she said.

Bird said while she wouldn't have

been shocked if a frequent drug user on the reserve fell victim to the same fate. nobody ever imagined the girls would come to a drugfueled end.

"It was a long time in coming and everyone could see it coming but not to (the girls)," Bird said.

Soldier stepped on explosive: Military

A Canadian soldier who was killed last week had stepped on an explosive device before falling to his death in the Panjwaii district of southern Afghanistan, a military official said yesterday, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Canada



### Group calls for action on parks

A conservation advocacy group says Canada needs to act faster to create new parklands and do more to protect those it already has, CBC News Online reports. The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society's annual report of national and provincial parks said the pace of parks creation across the country slowed significantly in the past 12 months compared to 2008, which it hailed as a "banner year." Because of its sheer size, Canada still has more land dedicated to parks than any other country in the world. METRO NEWS SERVICES

### Weekly report to spot flu's activity

HEALTH Federal public health officials have launched a new way of tracking the spread of the influenza A H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu. with a weekly online report designed to spot trends such as a higher number of hospitalizations or other unusual activity.

"The goal of surveillance is to assess the impact of the H1N1 flu virus on our communities so that we can adapt our planned responses to the situation at hand," chief public health officer David Butler-Jones said at a news conference.

"Counting individual cases no longer serves a useful public health purpose."

The new national surveillance system comes after the World Health Organization this week urged countries to stop trying to confirm all cases through laboratory testing because it was yielding little new information that would help to prepare for a pandemic.

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### **News** in brief

**COPYRIGHTS** The Canadian government, struggling to stay ahead of fast-moving technological developments, will launch consultations this week to help it craft new copyright REUTERS legislation.



A forest fire burns on the edge of Kelowna, B.C., yesterday. A fast-growing wild fire has forced thousands of residents to flee their homes, officials said yesterday. The

# Forest fires spreading in B.C.

### Around 17,000 residents evacuated as firefighters continue battle against blazes

KRISTEN THOMPSON

Around 17,000 people have been forced from their homes along Okanagan Lake, west of Kelowna, B.C., as crews battle two out of control wildfires raging in the hot, dry area.

A forest fire near Glen

Rosa covering about 350 hectares started Saturday afternoon A second blaze about 10 kilometres away broke out at the Rose Valley Dam later that evening.

So far, at least nine uildings have burned buildings down.

Elise Riedlinger, a fire information officer, said the fires cover roughly 450 hectares combined, and efforts to control them have been hampered by scorching temperatures, strong winds and trees killed by pine beetles.

"It's just very dry conditions throughout area," said Riedlinger.

"(On Saturday) we had quite strong winds that pushed the fire into the larger size at Glen Rosa,' she said, adding that fire is spreading eastward toward Okanagan Lake.

"(Yesterday) with after-noon heating they're expected to gust up to 35 kilometres an hour and that was another challenge for our crews.

Around 125 firefighters, 10 helicopters, eight air tankers and other heavy equipment from the B.C. Fire Services are being used to manage the two fires because they're so close together

In the meantime, 6,500 homes have been evacuated and others are on alert Glenrose, ods, West Shannon Kelowna, Woods, Crystal Springs and Rose

It's unclear how the fires started, but human activity is suspected.

### Outer Space Company coming



In this NASA file photo, Canadian Space Agency astronaut Robert Thirsk gives himself a haircut and uses a vaccuum cleaner to collect floating hairs Friday at the International Space Station. Shuttle Endeavour astronauts floated aboard the International Space Station, swelling its crew to a record 13 and marking the start of an ambitious 11-day construction mission.

### Blast survivor feared he would die

JAKARTA The first thing that Canadian businessman Andrew Cobham remembers about the Jakarta bomb attack he survived on Friday was a booming sound and a bright, white, light.

There was a loud bang, a bright flash and suddenly you couldn't see anything or anybody. The whole place was in turmoil," Cobham told Reuters on Saturday in a bedside interview at South Jakarta's Metropolitan Medical Centre.

Cobham, 65, an adviser the consulting firm CastleAsia, was attending a regular business breakfast hosted by the company in the lobby of the luxury JW

"There was a loud bang, a bright flash and suddenly you couldn't see anything or anybody. The whole place was in turmoil."

Andrew Cobham. Canadian blast survivor

Marriott on Friday morning when a suicide bomber

It was followed by anoth-

er suicide bomb at the nearby Ritz-Carlton Hotel, which is also in Jakarta's main business district.

Cobham, who has lived in Indonesia for about 20 years, said the white light was accompanied by a blast so loud it has destroyed his hearing in his right ear. In the chaotic five minutes that followed Cobham thought he was going to die. "My first thought was that I actually didn't think I was going to survive, and then I thought I was blind because I couldn't see anything or anybody," he said.

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MORE COVERAGE, PG 8

### **Focus On First Nations**



Vancouver artist Pamela Masik is shown in Vancouver's Gastown June 24, at the unveiling of Mona — the first of 69 paintings she created depicting missing Downtown Eastside women.

# Aboriginal women missing

80 per cent of 3,000 missing women in B.C. are from First Nations

**DANIEL TAM** for Metro Canada

About 3,000 women have disappeared in British Columbia — about 80 per cent of them Aboriginal — and so far, no public inquiry has been launched, no massive police investigation is planned and as the decades pass, the number continues to grow.

Bernie Williams, who knows some of the family members of the "mothers, sisters and daughters" who disappeared, said not knowing whether they're still alive is an struggle.

"You just keep ... hoping that one day there's going to

be answers for the families," Williams said. "(They) need closure and answers."

Williams grew up alone; her mother and two sisters were all killed in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside in the 1970s in separate incidents. But she knew their fate, unlike some of the people she met in the foster homes and residential schools she was raised in.

They deserve a public inquiry, she said.

To push the issue, Williams co-founded Walk4Justice, a group of trekkers who last June began a march to Ottawa to draw attention to the ongoing issue. Along the way, the group stopped at the

### **Highway of Tears**

• Bernie Williams said women are still disappearing today, from urban centres and from the stretch of Highway 16 near Prince George, B.C., dubbed the Highway of Tears. At least 18 women have gone missing there.

farm where serial killer Robert Pickton took Downtown Eastside women who were never seen again.

RCMP E Division spokesman Rob Vermeulen with the Joint Missing Women's Task Force said people don't hear about the behind-the-scenes efforts.

behind-the-scenes efforts. A poster with 69 of the missing women was created at the time of the Pickton investigation.

"There were also another 103 reports of missing women who didn't make it to the poster ... and were all found," Vermeulen said. "There's a lot of other work going on."

Williams said she feels Aboriginal women are preyed on. "I feel because they're

"I feel because they're poor, they're more vulnerable," said Williams. "It's because of their lifestyle that they're easier to be attacked. These are very trusting women, too."

Only a public inquiry, she said, can bring peace to their relatives.

# 5 pressing issues

LAURA EGGERTSON

**During the Assembly of** First Nations' annual meeting in Calgary and the election of the national chief, the 633 chiefs attending will also pass resolutions indicative of the most pressing issues in their re-lationship with the federal government and the rest of Canada. Based on the resolutions, and conversations with First Nations members, look for these topics to dominate the next four years:

### 1 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Survivors of residential schools are anxious to see the stalled Truth and Reconciliation Commission get underway under new chair, Justice Murray Sinclair.

Former students need to tell their stories; they also need Canadians to hear them.

### TUNDING

For the last 10 years, the federal government has placed a two per cent cap on its core funding of programs to Aboriginal peoples.

Although Ottawa has budgeted \$10.8 billion in 2009-10 (across all federal departments), the chiefs want the cap removed, arguing it doesn't keep pace with demographics and the cost of living, particularly in education and health. Indian Affairs and Northern Development says it reallocates within that cap to fund the most pressing needs.

### YOUTH SUICIDE

Young Aboriginal people have a suicide rate estimated at five to six times the national average.

A resolution calling for a National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy is on the floor.

### A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chief Don Moses of B.C.'s Lower Nicola Band is calling for the creation of a First Nations Business Institute to provide grants, contributions or loans to First Nations businesses.

Sky-high unemployment rates on reserves are driving this proposal. Access to resources on Aboriginal land is also a hot topic, and the chiefs also want a federal economic development strategy for Aboriginal peoples

### **GOVERNANCE**

The federal government is increasingly pushing First Nations for transparent accounting and governance practices on reserves; many chiefs consider this an autonomy issue and push back.

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## Federal funds for First Nations equals about \$18K a person a year

CHARLES DAVIES for Metro Canada

# Stories of deprivation, poverty and illness in First Nations communities are so common that they pass unnoticed by most Canadians.

Homes on the Fort Albany First Nation in northern Ontario are contaminated with mould, yet families continue to live in them, risking respiratory problems.

Members of communities across the country are held at greater risk of contracting the H1N1 virus than other Canadians. And then there's the Cree First National Control of Control

tion's Kashechewan Reserve in northern Ontario, where periodic evacuations due to flooding have been punctuated by tales of tainted water, substandard housing, addiction and suicides.

If money alone could solve Aboriginal problems, living conditions for Canada's more than 600 native bands would be far better than they are.

This fiscal year alone, the Indian Affairs and Northern Development Department will spend \$6.9 billion on First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples, an increase of nearly 11 per cent from the previous year.

To put it in perspective, Indian Affairs accounts for

### Three per cent of budget

• This fiscal year alone, the Indian Affairs and Northern Development Department will spend \$6.9 billion on First Nations and Aboriginal peoples. an increase of near-

slightly less than three per cent of all federal spending.

That's small compared to Human Resources and Skills Development (\$42.2 billion) and National Defence (\$19.2 billion), but it surpasses the \$2.6 billion that will be spent on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

What's important, however, isn't that Indian Afly 11 per cent from the previous year. To put it in perspective, Indian Affairs accounts for slightly less than three per cent of all federal spending.

fairs spends roughly \$18,000 a year for every Aboriginal person, but how the money is doled out and managed.

Under the Indian Act of 1876, still the dominant legislation governing Aboriginal peoples, federal cash flows to individual bands for everything from education, health and housing to economic development and

resource management.

While the act itself doesn't deal with accountability, each First Nation must submit an audited annual financial statement to Indian Affairs.

And since last July, Indian Affairs has reserved the right to do forensic audits of individual spending programs.

The move to tighten accountability comes after too many instances of financial mismanagement by band councils. Sometimes corruption is at the root, but more often the problem is one of competence.

Two years ago, the auditor general noted that three-quarters of all First

Nations were run by inexperienced, untrained staff who bungled everything from housing construction to water purification systems.

In some cases, such as Alberta's Pilkani Nation and Ontario's Pikangikum Nation, Indian Affairs has had to temporarily take over control of finances.

The department itself doesn't score much better, given its predilection for paperwork and bureaucracy, and instances of inadequate financial management in British Columbia and Manitoba. Money gets spent, but often there's little monitoring, and little or nothing is accomplished.

According to Statistics Canada, figures from the 2006 census show that 40 per cent of First Nations people live on reserves. The other 60 per cent live off reserve. METRO CANADA

### **Focus On First Nations**

# Assembly to choose leader

### Men dominate election for national chief, though historically many Nations matriarchal

LAURA EGGERTSON for Metro Canada

Shirley Williams hopes she will live to see a woman serve as National Chief of

the Assembly of First

Nations. But the 70-year-old Ojibway and Odawa elder from Manitoulin Island knows it won't happen this year. There are no women among the five candidates on the ballot in tomorrow's election in Calgary.

Williams, an emeritus professor at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont.,

thinks she knows why.

"We have no women running for National Chief because we have been assimilated to a patriarchal society," she says.

Historically, many First Nations were matriarchal societies. Some still trace their hereditary leadership along matrilineal lines. But Williams, who also instructs Aboriginal languages teachers at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, believes the European conquest and the Indian Act's patriarchal structure eroded women's governing authority.

Many Aboriginal women

won't run for the highest political office because they fear being looked down up on, Williams savs.

three To date only women have run for National Chief - Marilyn Buffalo, Wendy Grant-John and Roberta Jamison. That's despite the fact that there are now more than 100 women among the 633 First Nations chiefs

"In my mind, that's not enough, says John Beaucage, former Grand Chief of the Anishinabek Nation. Beaucage is the only candidate for National Chief calling for broad elec-

"We have no women running for **National Chief** because we have been assimilated to a patriarchal society."

Shirley Williams, Ojibway, Odawa elder, emeritus professor toral reform.

"This election, win or

lose, I'm going to challenge more of our women leaders to step up as (candidates for)

National Chief in the next election," he says.

Beaucage believes the AFN should be more inclu-sive generally, advocating that all First Nations citizens be able to vote for the National Chief. Currently, only the chiefs choose the leader, leaving many Aboriginals – especially the 60 per cent of First Nations' members who live off-reserve feeling disenfranchised.

"The political agenda is left to 633 chiefs for whom there is no standard or necessary qualifications to assume that role. Mostly, you just have to know people,"

Alberta novelist Richard Wagamese wrote in a recent CBC column.

For the next National Chief to truly represent the majority of First Nations' members who live off reserve, Wagamese argued, that leader must give urban Aboriginals a significant

For Shirley Williams, that making means women's voices are not only heard, but at the table.

"Now that women chiefs are well-educated and coming up, I think we will have a woman as National Chief some day," she says.

## main issues of campaign

LAURA EGGERTSON for Metro Canada

As the five candidates for National Chief of the **Assembly of First Nations** have criss-crossed the country campaigning, here are a few of the top issues that have emerged:

TRANSPARENCY In response to media requests, Shawn Atleo John Beaucage reand limited details about the sources of their campaign funding. Candidates are allowed to spend \$35,000 on their campaigns. Perry Bellegarde refused, and Bill Wilson and Terry Nelson promised to

**ELECTORAL REFORM** John Beaucage has suggested that all First Nations members should be able to vote for the National Chief instead of only the chiefs. Others reject the idea, arguing that the AFN is an advocacy body, and that political power belongs in local communities.

release details on their

websites before tomorrow.

3 DEVELOPMENT

All five candidates have addressed the need to alleviate poverty and develop additional revenue sources in their communities; proposed methods differ, from foreign investment to better enforce-ment of treaty entitle-

ments. HEALTH

The apparently disproportionate effects of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, on Aboriginal peoples, fo-cused so far in Manitoba Northern Ontario communities, has the candidates calling for better pandemic resources and response and improved social conditions.

**EDUCATION** All of the candidates acknowledge the importance of access to education, and they are leery of the federal govern-ment's "review" of postsecondary education funding, which the chiefs consider to be a treaty



First Nations women and children at a ceremony in Calgary on June 11, 2008 — the day the government of Canada formally apologized to residential school victims.

million people identified themselves as First Nations, Métis or Inuit, or 3.8 per cent of the total Canadian population. Number of First Nations:

Number of Métis: 389,785 Number of Inuit: 50.485.

Percentage of First Nations people with high school or equivalent as highest level of education.

25.5 Percentage of Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals with high school diploma or equivalent as highest level of education.

Percentage of First Nations people with bachelor's degree from university as highest level of education.

Percentage of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people with bachelor's degree from university as highest level of education.

of First Nations children under the age of six living off-reserve being raised by parents aged 15-24.

Percentage of non-Aboriginal children under age 6 being raised by parents aged 15-24.

Leading cause of death among Aboriginal people: Injuries (including suicide, motor vehicle accidents, drowning, homicide). diseases of the circulatory system and cancer.

### Diseases

Leading cause of death among non-Aboriginal people: Diseases of the circulatory system, cancer and respiratory diseases.

BY LAURA EGGERTSON FROM STATISTICS CANADA 2006 CENSUS

### **Focus On First Nations**



# candidates for AFN chief

### Assembly of First Nations to choose one of these five to be their next leader in Canada



Chief Atleo

ATLEO At six years old, when Shawn walked through the

Ahousaht village on B.C.'s Flores Island, the elders would stop him to explain his role and responsibilities in life.

As a hereditary chief, that role was to care for the land and support his people.

Now 42, Atleo, the chan-cellor of Vancouver Island University and a regional chief of the Assembly of First Nations, is taking that responsibility as a sacred trust.

He is running for National Chief of the AFN on a platform emphasizing consensus - the need for the country's 633 First Nations to work together to overcome shared challenges.

Those challenges include implementing and negotiating treaties, and improving the social conditions born of the impacts of residential schools, the Indian Act, and lack of access to economic opportunities, he says.

He cites Canada's unwillingness to sign the UN Decla-

### **Support**

 Atleo, the father of two voung adults and "one grandpuppy," believes Canadians will support Aboriginals if they are better educated to understand their issues.

ration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as an example of the country's "long-standing non-recognition of our treaty rights," which will only be overcome if Aboriginals focus their collective efforts.

Atleo, a member of the Ahousaht First Nation, graduated with a masters' degree in education from the University of Technology, in Sydney, Australia. He is passionate about the opportunities education creates. He has served as the executive director of a family addictions treatment and run a postsecondary training institute.

He has lost childhood friends to violence, suicide, overdoses and HIV-AIDS.

"It's time to overcome the understanding gap of among people in this country," he says.

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Chief Bellegarde

BELLEGARDE As the first status Indian to araduate from the **University of** Regina in business

**Funding cap** 

administration, Perry Bellegarde understands the importance of economic development for Canada's Aboriginal Peoples.

That's why Bellegarde, empha-46. sizes the "four Es" as he runs for National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations: Education, Economic Development. Economic Self-Sufficiency,

and the Envi- try and governments. ronment. The former Grand Chief the Federation

Saskatchewan Indians, Bellegarde grew up on the Little Black Bear First Nation in Saskatchewan's Qu'Appelle Valley. But he has 'walked in both

worlds," he says. He has also been a director of personnel at the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies and vice-president of the Crown Investments Corporation in Regina.

Bellegarde believes selfgovernment is "empty and meaningless" until it is coupled with economic self-sufficiency, which requires access to land and resources. he says. At the same time.

First Nations need to respect the environment.

• As Grand Chief, Bellegarde Bellegarde would push the federal govunder ernment to remove the twostands the importance per cent funding cap on educational transfers to First Nations' programs, would educate opportunities politicians and Canadians for aboriginal about the "Third World" conyouth, includditions on many reserves, ing his three and plans to negotiate resons, nieces and nephews. source royalties from indus-"Education

> and training is key for our people," he

> "We need more and more First Nations people at all the decision-making tables," he says.

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constitutional Chief Beaucage conferences are a scary

prospect for Canadians. But the 57-year-old Ojibway businessman, Chief of the Wasauksing First Nation and candidate for National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations wants one.

"We were promised another constitutional conference quite some time ago, specifically on First Nations' governance and First Nations' issues," says Beaucage.

Beaucage, who has spent much of his career as a property developer and manager, believes a constitutional amendment would give Aboriginal people more economic opportunity. Recognizing First Nations as an order of government would give them authority to levy taxes against resource companies operating in their jurisdiction, for example.

Economic self-sufficiency will also come by ensuring governments treaties, Beaucage adds, and

### **AFN** reform

 Alone among the other candidates. Beaucage calls for AFN reform, so all band members can vote for the National Chief, rather than only elected chiefs. One day, he'd like to see the votes of his four children and their children count.

by creating partnerships with non-native and native companies alike. He hopes to establish a blue-ribbon committee to focus on the on- and off-reserve Aboriginal economy.

"I've always said that my ancestors didn't sign the treaties thinking that their descendants would be forever poor," Beaucage says.

After growing up near Parry Sound, Ont., Beaucage graduated from the University of Western Ontario with an Arts' degree in English and economics.

We should be more inclusive of all our citizens, no matter where they are. There is a disconnect between the AFN and our urban citizens," he adds.

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**Chief Nelson** 

NEISON Terrance Nelson is anything but shy about the radical role he's playing

TERRANCE

in the campaign for the Assembly of First Nations' National Chief.

Electing the Chief of Manitoba's Roseau River First Nation would be a "nightmare scenario," according to the National Post's John Ivison, Nelson reports with pride. Former Manitoba premier Gary Filmon called him an "eco-terrorist," he repeats, almost gleefully. That's fine by Nelson, 56, who is on the governing council of the American Indian Movement south of the border.

The Ojibway leader wants foreign investors - particularly Chinese and Americans to develop resources, from oil and gas to diamonds and hydro dams, on reserves. That would allow Aboriginals to build their own schools, health centres, and housing developments. as businesses, not handouts.

He's told the Dene and Inuit to meet with Americans about the Arctic, that "they don't need to be part

### **Manitoba**

 A self-taught economist, the father of five has gone to the courts to enforce treaty entitlements and to bond agencies to shame his province. In December 2006, his was the motion that proposed a National Day of Action.

of Canada if Canada is not willing to share the resource base with indigenous peoples."

Nelson, who graduated from the University of Manitoba with an undergraduate degree in psychology, intended to be a school counsellor. Instead, he's worked as a consultant, researcher and author, of books including Genocide in Canada.

His message to other chiefs: Change, and orderly manage or young change, Aboriginals will orchestrate chaotic change. Nelson's not out to destroy Canada, he insists. But "I've tapped into the anger and frustration, so expect some surprises in Calgary," he "Watch me, as Trudeau LAURA EGGERTSON/





Chief Wilson

readily admits he grew up in luxury, never enduring

the deprivation he sees on many First Nations.

The son of a wealthy fisherman on Vancouver Island and a mother who excelled in throwing potlatches, Wilson, 65, the "spoiled rot rotten" youngest of 17 children.

All the same, he's dedicated to alleviating poverty by providing Aboriginals with access to education and jobs. "Learning is a way

out of this," he says. "But if it's 28 below zero and you have no running water and no electricity, like Indian many homes, it's pretty hard to think

that you're going to study by candlelight to become Rhodes Schol-

Wilson advocates building bridges to in-

### Wilson is a member of the Cape Mudge First Nation,

**Ancestry** 

and is a Musgamagw/Kwawkgweth Aboriginal. Through his mother's people, the Kwikwasut'inux of Gilford Island, he is a hereditary chief.

vestors who will cut First Nations in on resource deals. Canadians must recognize and utilize the young Aboriginals who comprise the largest unemployed labour pool in the country, he says.

Those young people need skills and trades, and the opportunity to get the education he had. In 1973, Wilson graduated from UBC law school, though he has spent most of his career as a consultant, treaty negotiator and teacher of self-esteem, public speaking and confidence-building.

In that role he presses home his point about the value of work.

"If we get off our buns we can do anything we want, because we have thousands and thousands of brilliant Indian people, many of them living on reserves," Wilson says.

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### White House stands by August goal for health-care bill

White House budget director Peter Orszag said yesterday the administration was sticking with its goal of having the Senate and House of Representatives pass their versions of a health-care overhaul bill before they break for their August recess. REUTERS

# World



### Airline staff on flu lookout

British Airways has told its check-in staff to look out for passengers showing symptoms of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, and to alert doctors who could bar them from boarding a flight, the airline said yesterday. Calling the measures "standard practice" for a medical situation, a spokeswoman said only a handful of people had so far been turned away as a result of the medical checks.

# Helicopter crash kills 16

### Civilian aircraft falls at NATO base in southern Afghanistan

A civilian helicopter under contract for NATO forces in Afghanistan crashed at a military base in the south of the country yesterday, killing 16 people and wounding five others, the alliance said.

Capt. Ruben Hoornveld, a Dutch NATO spokesman at Kandahar Air Field, said

### 2nd incident

• Last Tuesday, six Ukrainian crew members died aboard a Soviet-built Mi-26 transport helicopter that crashed in Helmand province.

there was no enemy involvement in the crash. which took place as the helicopter was taking off from the base, NATO's headquarters in the south of the country.

Russia's Interfax news agency described the helicopter as an Mi-8 transporter, operated by a Russian firm, which had 17 passengers and three crew on

board at the time of the crash. It gave the death toll as 16.

NATO troops Afghanistan rely heavily on aircraft from the former Soviet Union for cargo and transport flights in a country where travel by road is often difficult.

## Bombings have militant hallmark: Police

JAKARTA Indonesian police said yesterday that deadly attacks on two Jakarta hotels used the same methods and equipment as previous bombings by a militant Islamist group.

Investigators were working to reconstruct the face of one of the suspected suicide bombers from Friday's attacks on the JW Marriott and Ritz-Carlton that killed nine people and wounded

The blasts left some bodies so badly mutilated they were difficult to identify and two decapitated corpses were believed by police to belong to the suicide bombers.
Police said the bombers

had checked in to the Marriott on Wednesday and had assembled the bombs in their room. A third bomb was found and de-



A child places a flower in front of the Ritz-Carlton hotel yesterday in Jakarta, Indonesia.

### **Identity unknown**

- Speculation over the identity of the bombers has been rife and some newspapers have put forward a name for one and suggested one could be a
- But police, however, continue to say that they do not know the identity of the bombers, but believe they are male.

fused in a room.

Police spokesman Nanan Soekarna said the attacks bore the hallmarks of Iemaah Islamiah, the radical militant Islamist group responsible for a string of deadly attacks in Jakarta and Bali that seemed to end in 2005.

"The method, the equipment used is the same as both bombs in Bali and the one found in Cilacap," he added, referring to the Bali attacks in 2002 and 2005, and bomb equipment police recently found during raids in Cilacap, Central Ja-

Police also said they had no evidence that the bombers had used a staff tunnel connecting the adjacent U.S.-owned hotels.

Ansyaad Mbai, head of the anti-terrorism desk at Indonesia's security ministry, said the attacks may be linked to a fugitive Malaysian-born militant Noordin Top, who is believed to have broken away from II to form a more radical wing.

Sidney Jones, a Jakartabased expert on Islamic militancy at the Interna-tional Crisis Group, also said that the attacks had the hallmarks of Noordin Top, "The most important hallmark is the suicide bombing as a method of attack and also the targeting of iconic Western symbols. both of those are associated more with Noordin than with mainstream Jemaah Islamiah," Jones said.

### India Frog marriage



A woman performs rituals during a frog marriage at Madhyaboragari village in India yesterday. The frog marriage is a traditional ritual observed by the rural folk to appease gods to bring in rain and ensure a good harvest.

### Netanyahu defies U.S. on East Jerusalem settlement

ISRAEL Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying he would not take orders over Israeli settlement in East Jerusalem, rejected yesterday a U.S. de-

mand to halt plans to build more homes for Jews in the disputed area.

New friction with Washington over the project to build 20 apartments in a part of Jerusalem cap- Netanyahu

tured by Israel in a 1967 war could deepen the most serious rift in relations between the two allies in a decade.

Israeli officials said the State Department had summoned Michael Oren, Washington, and told him plans for the construction approved this month by Israel's Jerusalem municipal-

ity should be suspended.

"We cannot accept the idea that Jews will not have the right to live and buy (homes) anywhere in Jerusalem,"

tanyahu said.

Netanyahu and President Barack Obama are already at loggerheads over the U.S. leader's call for Israel to freeze Jewish settlement on occupied land Palestinians want for REUTERS

### **News** in brief

IRAN Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has come under fire from hardliners for naming as his top deputy a man who said Iran was friends with everyone, including archfoe Israel, local media said yesterday. Iran's Press TV said Esfandiar Rahim Mashaie "no longer wanted the job" of first vice president and had resigned

because of the row.

TALKS An Indian official yesterday complained about U.S. pressure on India to curb its greenhouse gas emissions, but U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton emerged from their talks upbeat about a solution. "There is simply no case for the pressure that we, who have among the lowest emissions

per capita, face to actually reduce emissions," Jairam Ramesh, India's minister of state for environment, told Clinton in their talks.

**KIDNAPPING** Somali Prime

Minister Omar Abdirashid

Sharmarke said yesterday the government had not ruled out any option to free two French hostages, including letting Paris send commandos into the Horn of Africa nation. **PROTEST** Thousands of ethnic Uighurs, including women wearing white scarves as a sign of mourning, rallied in the Kazakhstan city of Almaty on Sunday to protest against a

crackdown against Uighurs in

the neighbouring Chinese re-

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aion of Xiniiana.

### Honduras crisis talks deadlocked over return of president

**NEGOTIATIONS** Talks to resolve Honduras' political crisis dragged into a second day yesterday, with ne-gotiators for deposed Presi-dent Manuel Zelaya and coup leaders deadlocked over his proposed return to power.

Both sides at the talks in the Costa Rican capital appeared to agree over the creation of a coalition gov-ernment for Honduras, but one major stumbling block remained - Zelaya's reinstatement as president.

Zelava, a leftist, was

ousted in a June 28 military coup, and the de facto government led by Roberto Micheletti has so far resisted all international pressure, refusing to accept any deal that includes Zelaya being restored to

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias is leading the U.S.-backed mediation efforts and proposed on Sat-urday that Zelaya be allowed to return to form a coalition government giving his rivals a share of power. REUTERS Start Saving Money Today!

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# Avoiding summer peril



h, mid-July. Time to participate in one of the great pleasures of summer in Canada: Talking about how it isn't winter. Also, time to head to the cottage or campsite for a little relaxation. To help make the most of your time, I present the Hine-Sight Guide to Avoiding Outdoor Dangers.

1. Every summer, a terrible scourge sweeps vacation country, threatening to destroy the well-being of all it comes near. I refer to the dreaded OPC or, as it's commonly called Other People's Children. When our own children run around the campsite, blasting squirt guns and scream-

ing like banshees, they're charming, high spirited imps. When other people's children do this, they are ill-behaved future felons whose parents likely check out 12 grocery items in lines clearly marked "eight." However, it is wrong to wish OPC did not exist. We need them to en-

tertain

maybe sounds a little far fetched. morning that cherry-cheese-Danish-of-the-day own while

we have a nap. 2. This peril of the northlands comes by many names. It may be Country Sweets, Pine Tree Pies or Little Shop of Lard. Whatev-

door and you can practically hear your arteries slamming shut. There's a reason cottage country is full of bakeries. It's an evil plot by aliens intent on destroying humankind by seducing us into consuming fatty treats, thus negating the health benefits of hiking, canoeing or swimming. OK,

er it's called, step in the

but every when third-

sugar high, I'm convinced it's true. Bottom line: Stay out of the bakeshops. Then I won't have to wait in line.

3. Alcohol. Sure been warned, but many adults still go on vacation and end up foolishly mix-ing their alcohol. With board games. After one too many beers, it's not uncommon to believe you can buy Park Place with a sub-prime mortgage or that "gzerniq" is an excellent Scrabble word.

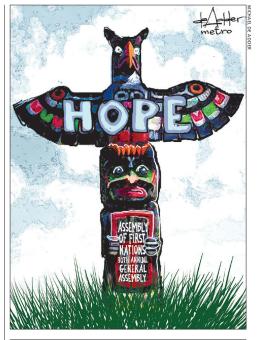
Alcohol mixed with card games is also a no-go. Recently, having enjoyed two gin and tonics, I was convinced I could win a Euchre hand with a fist full of 10s.

My partner, Liz, says she wouldn't have minded, except that we were playing Hearts at the time.

The lesson is clear: If you drink, don't deal.

Follow these suggestions and you'll find life in the wild a little less, well, wild. Next week, camping tips: The top 10 plants you should never use as toilet paper.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



### **Worth mentioning**

### Celeb playlists pump up the fitness volume

Music can be as crucial to exercise as water and spandex, and a spinning instructor's playlist or an iPod's inventory can make or break a workout. As part of its branding strategy, the upscale fitness club chain Equinox has enlisted artists like Madonna, Stevie Nicks, Cyndi Lauper and Michael Buble to submit their own playlists for EQ Sessions Celebrity Sets that will launch at Equinox.com this

Equinox pays close attention to the connection between music and fitness. In addition to programming the music played in the clubs, the company's creative director curates monthly playlists — EQ Sessions — that, like the celebrity playlists will be, are available through the Equinox website. Links take users directly to

iTunes, where the playlists are organized through iTunes' iMix function for purchase at the tracks' stan-

Equinox creative director Bianca Kosoy says the company's approach to music is part of a broader strategy to curate a lifestyle experience for members.

"On the whole, our target demographic is successful, and they are more drawn to making a purchasing decision, including joining a gym, based on the feeling that they are going to be in-

troduced to the new and noteworthy," Kosoy says. "Music is obviously a very high-profile touch point for them."

There isn't a financial arrangement between Equinox and participating artists, beyond the promotion of the lists using the celebrities' names. REUTERS

### **Metro Online Poll Results**



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## Bonanza year for parking authority



For those of you still grumbling over the city's ill-conceived scheme to charge for the privilege of parking at LRT lots, finally there is a reason to take heart.

The Calgary Parking Authority, the fine folks who have perfected the art of drive-by ticketing, are on pace to make a killing this

Sure, it may have been a low blow for already-struggling commuters to eat a daily \$3 parking fee on top of ever-rising transit fares, but at least there's a silver lining for somebody.

As Metro reported last week, since the new parking fees began to roll out in mid-March, the parking authority has issued 1,300 tickets at

\$40 a pop. With counsensible move that

parking cops have to date doled out 13 tickets every weekday in those lots to those who decided to take their chances and not pay.

Impressive, considering all 33 lots weren't up and charg-

ing until the end of May. Of course that doesn't include the bonanza of ticket opportunities for those who risk parking in nearby residential areas with parking restrictions.

Indeed, the CPA is on track for a banner year in 2009, reportedly on pace to issue some 60,000 tickets, a 40 per cent spike from the number handed out just one vear earlier.

cil's belatedly "The fine folks who Hardly a surprise when to eliminate have perfected the transit officials the charge on art of drive-by tickadmitted last month that park and ride evenings and eting are on pace to means make a killing." lots that were

once packed with happy C-Train users have dropped to as low as 45 per cent capacity on the northeast line and 60 per cent in the south.

Ald. Andre Chabot has long been among the vocal minority on council who has fought against the fee since it was proposed during last fall's budget deliberations and he sees a link between lower revenue projections from Calgary Transit and a spike in the number of tick-

"It seems since they started imposing those parking fees they've been quite proactive at ticketing folks who are not complying with the requirements," he said.

"They're not getting full utilization and they're finding a way to get additional revenue to make up for it.'

Chabot acknowledged the fee is here to stay, but noted perhaps there should be more focus on encouraging people to use transit and less on punishing those who skirt the parking fees.

"If you want to encourage participation in a program, going after its users doesn't seem right," he said.

But it is profitable.

Shawn Logan is a veteran municipal affairs reporter who covered Calgary city hall for three years after working at a number of publications in southern Alberta.

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# Going Green

### **Cost of keeping cool**

A stand up fan uses 75 watts; a window unit, 100 watts. Running them for 12 hours a day will use 2.1 kilowatt-hours of electricity, costing about 21 cents. A 1,000-watt air-conditioner, running for three-quarters of the day will use 18 kilowatt hours, and cost about \$1.80. A central air-conditioner can use up to 3,500 watts, or 63 kilowatt hours a day, and cost about \$6.30.

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# Federal environment rules tame

**EarthTones** 



his week Metro is focusing on the challenges facing Canada's First Nations. One contributing factor in the erosion of the traditional lifestyle and therefore culture is environmental degradation on reserves. Aboriginal peoples are at particularly high risk because traditionally, they depend on local fish and wildlife for a larger part of their diet.

In the 1970s the Grassy Narrows and White Dog reserves made headlines when large numbers of people living on these reserves were found to be suffering from mercury poisoning. This poisoning was traced to high mercury levels in waterways on the reserves which lead to high mercury levels in the fish that were consumed by the residents of the reserves.

Unfortunately the experience of the Grassy Narrows and White Dog reserves residents is not unique. The construction of hydroelectric plants along the St. Lawrence River has lead to the contamination of the river, and land along the river in Ontario, Quebec, and northern New York State with PCBs.

PCBs are a particular problem for people who

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eat local fish and wildlife because they bioaccumulate

PCBs are not very soluble in water but are very soluble in fat. When PCBs enter a small fish's body, rather than being excreted, they are stored in the small fish's fatty tissues. If a larger fish eats 100 small fish it will store all the PCBs from the 100 small fish in its fatty tissues. If we then come along and eat 10 large fish, we will then be storing the PCB from 1,000 small fish in our fatty tissues.

Breast milk contains a high percentage of fat. If a mother has PCBs stored in her fat, she will pass them along to her child in breast milk. This is what has happened at the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation. The Akwesasne people had to stop eating local fish and wildlife because of the PCB levels that were found in their bodies and in doing so, part of their culture was taken away.

These problems persist on reserves to the

present day. The Aamjiwnaang First Nation Re-

serve near Sarnia, Ont., is located in the heart of petrochemical manufacturing country. Their soil and water has been found to be contaminated with dixonis, PCBs, pesticides, and metals. The Aamjiwnaang people have to put up with odours, are unable to swim or fish from their rivers

and have high rates of asthma in children. Speaking of children, at the Aamjiwnaang First Nation two girls were born for every boy and it is hypothesized that endocrine disrupters were to blame for this.

blame for this.
The
Mikisew
Cree

and

Athabasca Chipewyan First

Nations in Northern Alber-

ta are currently attempting

to protect their traditional

hunting and fishing grounds from environmen-

tal damage. They claim that

the development of the Al-

berta oilsands is threatening their traditional way of es of cancer, lower water levels and a decline in the wildlife in the area. A British bank agrees with the First Nations and has donated \$190,000 to the Cree to help fund a lawsuit against the Albertan and a Canadian govern-

life. They cite increased cas-

Canadian governments.

One of the major factors in environmental problems on First Nations lands is that the re-

serves are regulated by the federal government not by the provinces and federal environmental regulations are weaker than those of the individual provinces. So clearly Ottawa has to step up.

Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates. Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University; earthtones.metro@gmail.com.

### Thinking outside the cardboard box

BOXES Not into hunting for cardboard boxes before you move? Vancouverbased FrogBox rents plastic boxes so you don't have to use cardboard boxes.

A week's rental for a one bedroom condo costs about \$110. They will drop off plastic boxes at your old house and pick them up at your new place.

FrogBox, which also just opened in Seattle, estimates that Greater Vancouver uses about 450,000 cardboard boxes every month for moving, and Seattle uses about one million. FrogBox says their ergonomic boxes can be reused about 400 times be-



FrogBox says their ergonomic boxes can be reused about 400 times before they're recycled.

fore they're recycled.

"The amount of resources used by people using FrogBoxes for moving

is drastically reduced," says company founder Doug Burgoyne. "Avoiding cardboard saves forests." FrogBox, which uses bio-diesel trucks and has a solar-powered website, also gives one per cent of their sales to frog habitat restoration. They recently gave to Mountain View Conservation in Langley, B.C., which is working to revitalize the Oregon Spotted Frog — Canada's most endangered species.

Frogs are vital contributors to our ecosystem, and according to biologists worldwide, one-third of the world's frog species are on the verge of extinction, FrogBox says.

Visit frogbox.com for more information.

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# Environmentally friendly gifts a fast growing trend

DEAS With so many special occasions, we usually end up giving gifts that end up in the trash. Landfills are filled with well-intentioned gifts and packaging that no one really wanted.

that no one really wanted .
This is part of the reason why giving green and environmentally friendly gifts is one of this year's fastest growing trends.

Some green gift ideas:

For the fashion savvy: Look for quality fabrics and timeless design. Consider stylish pieces made of organic cotton or hempsilk. These fabrics are sustainable as well as eco-chic.

For the person who has

everything: Why run the risk of giving something that will get thrown out? Instead, honour friends and family with a gift donation in their name. With this gift there is no plastic wrapping to throw out and it goes to someone who really needs help.

For those who like to be pampered: Consider giving a beauty kit filled with environmentally friendly products like natural essential oils of bergamot, lavender, and lime for mixing into scrubs, powders, tonics and soaps, which can be applied using a natural loofah sponge.



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Activist investor Carl Icahn spoke out in favour of a search deal between Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp., as talks between the two companies appeared to regain momentum. Icahn had tried to broker a partnership between the two companies last year, when talks on Microsoft's \$47.5-billion US takeover bid for Yahoo fell apart. REUTERS

# Business



### **United Technologies chair divorces**

United Technologies chairman George David, left, and Swedish countess Marie battle, according to the Hartford Courant. The court squabble became tabloid fodder for New York and Connecticut newspapers, which reported details of infidelity and luxurious spending. David previously served as chief executive of the world's largest maker of elevators and air conditioners.

# Inflation's first slide since '94 Cost-cutting gains may

### Consumer prices down 0.3%, but major deflation unlikely

**Tumbling energy costs** thrust Canada's annual inflation rate in June into negative territory for the first time in 15 years.

Statistics Canada reported yesterday that consumer prices fell 0.3 per cent compared with the same month last year.

In theory, the negative reading marks Canada's first trace of deflation since November 1994, and the biggest drop since August 1955.

Economists, however. say June's result is unlikely to trigger widespread de-

### Leaders stay the course on stimulus

Earlier this month, world leaders at the G8 summit decided to stay the course on stimulus, despite signs of eco-

flation. Nonetheless, the first signs of negative inflation added fresh fuel to the debate on whether the government ought to bulk up its fiscal stimulus plan.

'Negative inflation leaves room for further stimulus without much risk of fuelling excessive inflation," said Erin Weir,

nomic stability. They also agreed that countries should enact "exit strategies" once the recovery is in full bloom.

an economist with the United Steelworkers. "The government of Canada should be formulating a second stimulus package because its first stimulus package was too small, a low debt-to-GDP ratio affords ample room to finance more stimulus, and more stimulus will be

needed to create jobs even after economic growth resumes.

He argues additional short-term stimulus and long-term public invest-ment will create more iobs.

While the recession could end this year, it could take up to two years for a job market revival based on historical pat-terns. Enhanced Employment Insurance benefits would also deliver "stimulus dollars" directly households, he said.

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# turn to pain, analyst says

**RECESSION** Much of Corporate America has slashed costs to stay in the black during the recession, but welding the knife too heavily could also remove the ability to grow in a recov-

ery.

"If you cut into flesh long enough, eventually you find bone," said David Rosenberg, chief economist at Gluskin Sheff in Toronto. "Cost cutting is not a bottomless pit."

Others, however, warn additional cuts are needed to match the fact Americans are saving more and have less access to credit.

Firing people, introducing hiring freezes, halting trimming investments, budgets or even skimping on office supplies are timetested ways to prove the old adage that a penny

"If you cut into flesh long enough. eventually you find bone."

David Rosenberg

saved is a penny earned.

A slew of companies rebetter-thanexpected first-quarter results because aggressive budget slashing more than made up for falling sales.

Perhaps the biggest example so far has been General Electric, which on Friday reported earnings that whizzed past expectations despite a drop in revenue that was more dramatic than Wall Street predicted. The major reasons: cost cutting and a dip in its tax

### Starbucks to start seeing results of restructuring, analysts predict

COFFEE Starbucks Corp. should begin reaping benefits from slashing costs, closing stores and removing trinkets from shelves, but analysts say growth could remain elusive until the U.S. economy heals.

Economists and analysts expect the U.S. economy to stabilize in the second half, or in early 2010, and several analysts say it could be a year or longer before Starbucks' allimportant U.S. same-store sales turn positive.

Beyond that, McDonald's Corp.'s aggressive push into coffee remains a risk to Starbucks' future growth and some analysts wonder whether consumers will resume old spending habits after the recession

On Tuesday, the world's largest coffee chain will report results from its fiscal third quarter ended June.

Several analysts expect that the decline in sales at stores open a least 13 months moderated in the most recent

June quarter, but expect them to remain in negative territory for the immediate future. REUTERS





A worker adjusts the valve of an oil pipe at Khurmala oilfield in Arbil, 310 kilometres north of Baghdad, on Saturday. Iraq's largely autonomous Kurdistan region opened a new oil refinery on Saturday, with a projected capacity of 40,000 barrels per day.

### Canada takes U.S. Steel to court over Stelco takeover commitments

HAMILTON, ONT. The Canadian government took U.S. Steel Corp. to court Friday over production cutbacks at its Stelco subsidiary, In-Minister dustry Clement announced.

Clement had sent U.S. Steel a "demand letter" on May 5 asking the company to comply with commitments it made when it took over Hamilton, Ont.based Stelco.

An application has been been filed with the Federal Court of Canada asking the company to remedy the sit-

### **Ontario closures**

 In March, U.S. Steel temporarily closed most of its operations at two former Stelco plants in Hamilton and Nanticoke, Ont., blaming adverse market conditions. Some 1,500 jobs were affected.

uation, Clement said Friday in a statement.

He told Reuters: "I am requesting that the court mandate that U.S. Steel meet its obligations and

that it be fined for every day that it does not." He said the fine could be up to \$10,000 a day.

Clement said he expected U.S. Steel to stick to the undertakings it gave at the time of the takeover on capital expenditures, re-search and development and production.

A U.S. Steel spokes-woman said on Friday that as a matter of policy, the company would not comment on whether any of the facilities had been restarted. REUTERS

### Bankrupt Eddie Bauer sold to Golden Gate at auction

RETAIL Golden Gate Capital won an auction for Eddie Bauer Holdings Inc. with a \$286-million US cash bid and agreed to keep open most of its 370 stores, the bankrupt apparel retailer said on Friday.

The company entered bankruptcy with \$1 billion US in annual revenue, 10,000 employees and a well-established brand name and catalog business.

However, a lingering U.S. recession left the company that was founded as a Seattle sports shop in 1920 unable to service its debts, which it listed as \$427 million US in its bankruptcy filing. The money from San Francisco-based Golden Gate will go to paying

### **Annual losses**

• While Golden Gate has acquired the retailer free of its debts, it still faces a very difficult economy that has claimed dozens of store chains. Eddie Bauer has posted annual losses for the last three years.

those creditors.

Jeff Green, president of retail consultancy Jeff Green Partners in Mill Valley, Calif., said the winning bid was on the steep side. "I would say it's a fairly high number, considering its brand recognition is strong but nobody is quite sure what it is and who it appeals to." REUTERS

### Business in brief

FUNDS Donald Reed, the lead manager of the \$124-million Templeton Canadian Stock Fund believes the financial crisis that hammered bank shares globally has done far less damage to Canadian lenders given their sounder management. "The Canadian banking system

... has been ranked as the best banking system in the world. I don't think anybody doubts that," Reed told Reuters. Unlike their global peers, Canadian banks have remained profitable through the downturn. Reed said those earnings should continue to flow, particularly given the limited writedowns compared to lenders elsewhere.

LABOUR Canadian Pacific Railway Co. said Friday it has reached a tentative labour deal with the United Steelworkers union representing 1,100 Canadian clerical and intermodal workers. No details were released pending a ratification vote on the three-year contract, which will run to Dec. 31, 2012. REUTERS

### The rarest shot in golf

Paul Lawrie made a double eagle, the rarest shot in golf, yesterday in the final round of the British Open. The former Open champion hit a 4-iron into the hole on the par-5 seventh yesterday. It was the first double eagle — also known as an albatross — at the Open since Gary Evans in the opening round at Royal Troon in 2004. METRO NEWS SERVICES



# Sports



### Gonzalez still in hospital

was hit in the head by a 93 m.p.h. pitch on Saturday. Gonzalez did not have a skull fracture or a concussion, but complained of dizziness and ringing in his ears, reports said.

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# Cink wins Open in playoff Enforcer surprised

59-year-old Watson falls just short of a record-tying win

Tom Watson's remarkable bid for a British Open victory at the age of 59 fell agonizingly short yesterday when he lost to fellow American Stewart Cink in a four-hole playoff.

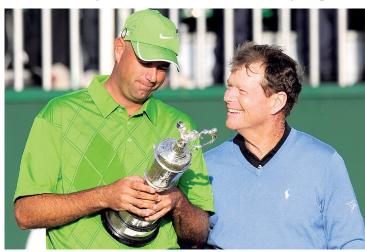
Seeking a record-tying sixth Claret Jug, Watson squandered the chance to become golf's oldest major champion when he overshot the green before missing an eight-foot par putt on the 72nd hole.

Cink, who had earlier rolled in a 15-footer there for a birdie three to take the clubhouse lead on two-under 278 at Turnberry's Ailsa Course, took advantage to seal his maiden major title.

"I'm a little intimidated by this piece of hardware here," an emotional Cink, 36, said after being presented with the Claret Jug on the 18th green.

"There are a lot of emotions running through my mind and heart and I'm as proud as I can be to be here with this (trophy).

"It was fun watching Tom



Stewart Cink holds the Claret Jug as he stands with runner-up Tom Watson yesterday after winning the British Open at the Turnberry Golf Club in Scotland.

all week and I'm sure I speak for all the rest of the people, too."

Cink won the first extra hole, the fifth, with a par when Watson took a five after hitting his approach into a greenside bunker and hitting an ugly third shot from the sand.

They each parred the second extra hole, the parthree sixth, before Cink effectively sealed the win at the par-five 17th with a twoputt birdie.

Watson double-bogeyed the hole after driving into thick rough on the right and taking two more shots to reach the fairway. REUTERS

# to be an NHL pick

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Ashton Bernard wasn't ranked for June's NHL draft and didn't even bother to follow it on the Internet.

In fact, he was sitting with a friend in a restaurant in Charlottetown, eating a cheeseburger for lunch oblivious to the fact the New Jersey Devils had just picked him 174th overall when his cellphone rang. It was his agent.

"I knew the draft was going on and when I saw him calling, I said, 'No, this can't happening," Bernard, who hails from the First Nations community of Eskasoni, N.S.

"He said, 'Ashton, congratulations!' I said, 'What did I do?' He said, 'You've been drafted in the sixth round to New Jersey.' I had to hang up and call my parents right away.

He was too excited to finish the burger.

Bernard, who plays in the quebec Major Junior Quebec Hockey League, good-news story for the small community of about 4,000 It has struggled recently with suicides and drug overdoses among youth, including four suicides in five months earlier this

Ashton Bernard

year that prompted the reserve to declare a crisis.

The 19-year-old was the second hockey player from Eskasoni to be drafted. He is proud to follow in the footsteps of his role model, Atlanta Thrashers draftee Chad Denny, and hopes he can inspire First Nations youth to do the same.

"It's a big thing for the community, especially for the kids growing up playing hockey," Bernard said. "It really open some could doors for them. Growing up there is hard, you know? It's only a good thing for this to happen to me."

The six-foot-four, 203pound Bernard is a self-described "enforcer" who relishes playing a rugged game.

Kids in his community will get a first-hand look at Bernard this season as he chases his NHL dream. He was traded in the off-season to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, a team located less than an hour from his hometown.

"I know a lot of people who already have season tickets,' Bernard said.

"We have a lot of kids growing up that are great hockey players. I hope they follow ...e right path."

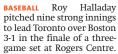
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### Halladay dominates Red Sox

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Halladay (11-3) scattered six hits and one run, striking out seven without issuing a walk, racking up his fourth complete game of the season.

Rod Barajas drove in all three runs for the Blue Jays, who won the final two games of the series to erase a three-game losing streak.

"He was unbelievable, the way he was able to manipulate that ball," Barajas said of his battery mate. "He made it move in different directions, and you don't come across guys who are that effective very METRO NEWS SERVICES

### Contador takes Tour lead

TOUR DE FRANCE Alberto Contador proved time was on his side when he outclassed seven-time champion Lance Armstrong and the rest of the peloton to seize the Tour de France lead in the Alps yesterday.

The Spaniard surged ruthlessly with six kilometres left in the 207.5-km 15th stage to the Swiss ski resort of Verbier to collect the stage laurels and his first yellow jersey since his 2007 victory in Paris.

"I'm very pleased with this result. It was not a very long climb, but we tackled it very rapidly and I was able to move as I wanted," the 26-year-old told reporters.

"I saw there was a chance with five kilometres to go and I did what was required to make a difference," he added.

Second place in the stage went to Luxembourg champion Andy Schleck, the only rider almost on par with Contador in the climbs, who crossed the line 43 seconds behind him.

Italy's Vincenzo Nibali was third ahead of the othleading Tour coner tenders, but all eyes were on Armstrong in the final climb to Verbier.

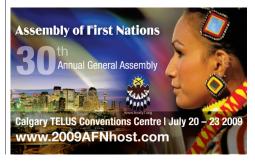
### **Sports** in brief

TRACK Double amputee Oscar Pistorius has given up trying to qualify for the 400 meters at the world athletics championships in Berlin next month. The South African also failed to reach last year's Beijing Olympics having won a long battle over the right to compete with able-bodied

**BASEBALL** The Florida Marlins and representatives from Major League Baseball broke ground Saturday with South Florida officials on the team's new, retractable-roof stadium in Miami's Little Havana.

**UFC** The news from the doctors is good for UFC welterweight champion Georges St. Pierre. A groin injury sustained at UFC 100 July 11 is not that serious, according to his management.

JAPAN Japanese marathon runner Keizo Yamada has hung up his sneakers at the grand old age of 81 — although he could be tempted back to run the odd half marathon. Yamada represented Japan at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics and won the Boston Marathon the following **METRO NEWS SERVICES** 





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# Students' Studies jeopardized Students from Mexico and the Czech Republic planning to study at Canadian institutions this fall are being told they may require a temporary travel visa on top of their study permit, given new visa rules effective last week. Schools such as the Universities of Alberta and Regina are assessing the impact of the new requirements, and are contacting incoming students from both nations to ensure thou got the information.

### Students' studies jeopardized

requirements, and are contacting incoming students from both nations to ensure they get the information they need as soon as possible.

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# Helping aboriginals feel at home in school

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Many aboriginal university students are the first in their family to attend and suffer from culture shock, says Irvin Hill, aboriginal cultural liaison officer at Carleton University. His job is to bridge aboriginal and university cultures.

"A lot of aboriginal students who come to university face obstacles once they get here," he says. "There's a general lack of aboriginal culture within the institutions."

That applies to curriculum and lifestyle, he says, noting many universities are actively working to change that. In the meantime, aboriginal students may need support to adjust.

We're here if they need any assistance, whether it's speaking to someone who understands their culture. maybe bringing an elder in so they can talk to an elder," he says. "We try to set up a community here so students will feel at home "

Carleton offers a minor in aboriginal studies under its Canadian Studies program, a sign that Canada's traditionally Eurocentric teaching of history is opening up. Schools such as Ontario's Lakehead University, Alberta's Red River College and Manitoba's First Na-tions University also offer aboriginal-centric programs.

"The curriculum changing, but there are still some schools, even some colleges and universities, that have the outdated curriculum and information that is not correct," says

Wendy Drummond, special project co-ordinator at Royal Roads University in Victoria, says universities can play a vital role in "capacity building," which can turn struggling communities around.

Royal Roads works with the Yekooche First Nation, a remote B.C. village of 120 people. After a series of treaty negotiations with the provincial and federal governments, it began taking a larger role in its own governance.

"The chief and council recognized that they were

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not ready to assume the governance role the treaty would require. They contacted Royal Roads University to ... assist in the development of capacity to assume governance responsibilities," explains Drummond

The two groups devel-oped the Learning Centre as a neutral space where Royal Roads could learn from the Yekooche community and vice versa.

"The Learning Centre ... encouraged everyone's participation equally — children, youth, adults and eldsays Drummond. "With each success they became a more invested member of the community. With this investment came a sense of responsibility and commitment to enhance what they could of-fer to make their home, community and nation a better place."

That in turn leads to better-run communities and more prosperous individuals, Drummond says



Many colleges and universities across Canada are trying to help First Nations students feel welcome and at home.



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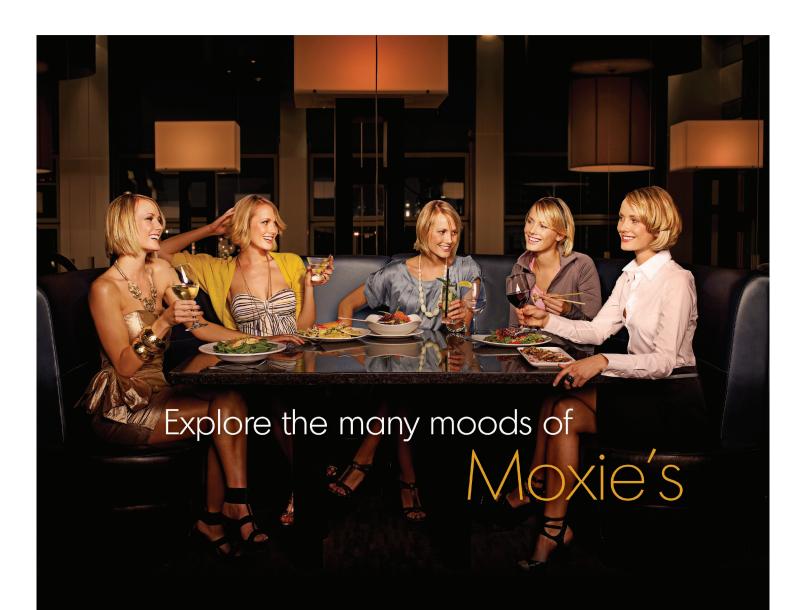
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### Depp wants to play Channing

Johnny Depp has his eye on a gender-bending movie role — he would love to portray actress Carol Channing in a biopic. "My dream role would be to play musical legend Carol Channing in a biopic of her life," he said. **гемацегият.со.ик** 

# **Entertainment**



### Leaving Idol?

# New wave of aboriginal talent

MAUREEN LITTLEIOHN

A new surge of aboriginal talent is cresting across the country, following in the wake of icons such as playwright Thompson Highway, actor Graham Green, and singer Buffy Sainte-Marie.

Waawaate Fobister, a 25year-old Anishnaabe artist from Grassy Narrows First Nation, swept the Dora Awards earlier this month with his debut play Agokwe. The play scooped statuettes for outstanding production, new play, performance by a male principal, director, costume designer and lighting designer.

show. one-man staged at Buddies in Bad Times theatre last year, fo-

cused on the attraction between two teenage Aboriginal boys. Fobister, a traditional dancer, seamlessly played each character including the boys (one a hockey player, the other a grass dancer), an alcoholic mother and a flamboyant narrator.

"I always talk about what's important to me, which is my language, heritage and culture. It is not my goal to educate people, but they can get a taste of it in some of my work," explained Fobister in an interview from Big Grassy reserve where he teaches youth theatre and dance.

Here is a look at other artists who are leading the

• Crystal Shawanda, a bluesy country singer from Wikwemikong reservation



Adam Beach, left, has more than 50 TV and film credits, while throat singer Tanya Tagaq Gillis has been hypnotizing audiences.

on Manitoulin Island, has been taking the radio waves by storm since she released her debut album Dawn of a New Day last year.

It reached No. 2 and 16 on the country music charts in Canada and the U.S., respectively. Shawanda cleaned up at the 2008 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards, winning five awards including Best Album of the Year.

This weekend she plays

the Mother Earth Festival on Georgina Island.

 Since collaborating with Icelandic artist Biork in 2004, Inuit throat singer Tanya Tagaq Gillis has been hypnotizing audiences in-ternationally. The Nunavut singer has performed with Kronos Quartet and Scottish fusion band Shooglenifty.

She has won four Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards and her recent album Auk/Blood was nominated for a Juno award this year.

 Kevin Loring, a member of the Niaka'pmux First Nation in Lytton, B.C., premiered his first play, Where the Blood Mixes, at the Luminato festival in Toronto last year. It will be performed in Vancouver at the Firehall Arts Centre during the 2010 Olympics.

Loring, also an actor, ap-

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peared in Hosanna at the Manitoba Theatre Centre and the film Pathfinder. He Playwright-inthe Residence at the National Arts Centre for 2009-10.

• At age 37, Adam Beach has garnered more than 50 movie and TV credits. The Saulteaux actor, born on the Dog Creek reserve in Manitoba, starred in the films Flags of Our Fathers. Windtalkers, Smoke Singles and the made-for-TV movie Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.

He was also Detective Chester Lake on 21 episodes of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit from 2007 through 2008.

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### critics'corner\_

### Triple Sensation

The eight remaining contestants reflect on their journey so far as they move from master classes to workshop presentations, performing group dance numbers, songs and scenes from plays with coaching from Adrian Noble and Sergio Truiillo. At the end, two of the hopefuls are sent home. 8 PM on CBRT



### Torchwood: Children of Earth This chilling five-part miniseries, airing over consecutive nights, served as the third "season" of the hit British sci-fi show. As it opens, the future of the human race is in grave danger as every child in the world stops his routine to announce, "We are coming." Jack's (John Barrowman) investigation leads him into a trap in which an awful truth stands ready to be revealed. Eve Myles and Gareth David-Lloyd also star. 8 PM on SPACE

### weekend box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

- Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: \$79.5 million US
- Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs: \$17.7 million
- Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen:
- \$13.8 million Brüno:
- \$8.4 million The Proposal:
- \$8.3 million The Hangover: \$8.3 million
- **Public Enemies:** \$7.6 million
- Up: \$3.1 million
- My Sister's Keeper: \$2.8 million
- I Love You, Beth Coop-10er: \$2.7 million





### CSI's Sarah Sidle returns

Jorja Fox is returning to CSI as Sara Sidle. Fox will appear in the Season 10 premiere and additional episodes, says CBS. Viewers will "discover where life has taken Sara Sidle and what brings her back to the CSI team in Las Vegas." TYGUIDE.COM



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# Flight of the Conchords star taking off

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

Last week, HBO's comedy series Flight of the Conchords picked up a surprising six Emmy nominations including best comedy series, and nobody was apparently more shocked than one of the show's castmembers.

"Wow, I didn't know they got that many," said Arj Barker, who plays pawnshop clerk Dave, while in Toronto performing for the Just For Laughs Festival.

"I don't take any credit for it. I feel privileged and lucky to be part of a show that's so successful. I did my little part but again, it's a little part.

cent nominations serve boost the series' main-

stream popularity speculation

regarding the show's future. quirky comedy centered around two naïve New Zealand musicians (Bret McKenzie, Jemaine Clement) trying to make it in Manhattan, its two leads have publicly stated producing the second season was especially grueling and that it was "a good end to the show."

HBO may have other plans however. President

edly, the re- "You want to know the real word right to now? The show might not come back but Arj Barker and is here to stay."

stoke shaky Arj Barker, comedian

operations Michael Lombardo recently told an industry webzine pects them to be back in

that, after a break, he "fully ex-

ment may seem, Barker's busy slate suggests a disapof west coast pointing outlook for fans of the show. A popular stand-up co-

median whose about to embark on a lengthy tour in Australia, Barker will also remain busy making his webisode series' Arj and Poopy ("basically they're just animated shorts of me

Arj Barker plays pawnshop clerk Dave in HBO's comedy series' Flight of the Conchords, which picked up six Emmy nominations.

well, Barker hopes to make his own waves when a Comedy Central special airs later this year, coinciding with an upcoming DVD release. Above all however, Barker hopes that Flight of the Conchords does re-

After all, he's got a lot on the line

"I'd like to (act) more and I think I have a lot of potential — an untapped potential — especially if you've ever seen me act, you're like 'wow, that potential is untapped'."



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### Jackson custody hearing delayed

**COURTS** A court hearing will over who Michael Jackson's three children was postponed was postponed again Friday in an apparent bid to settle the issue behind closed doors.

Los Angeles Superior officials said a guardianship hearing scheduled for Monday had hearing been rescheduled to Aug. 3 the second delay in the decision over who would get permanent custody of the children.

mother. Jackson's Katherine, 79, was granted temporary custody by the courts of Prince Michael, 12, Paris, 11 and Prince Michael II, 7, after Jackson's death on June 25.

But lawyers for Jackson's ex-wife Debbie Rowe have been in talks with representatives of Jackson's parents, and one report this week said the Thriller singer's sister, Janet, was also interest-

ed in raising them. Jackson left

estate, valued \$500 million in an attachment to his

will, to a family benefits his children, his mother and charities.

Jackson said in his 2002 will he wanted his mother to care for the children if he

Rowe is the mother of the two eldest children, and she has made ambiguous comments to the media about seeking custody of the children after years of having minimal contact with them.

The biological parents of Jackson's third child, Prince Michael II, also known as Blanket, have never been revealed.

The coroner's report on the cause of the singer's death is still awaiting test results.

REUTERS

### Temptation and tests

### Border **Sonas**

Author: Jim Lynch Publisher: Random House Price: \$29.95 (Hardcover)

BORDER

reputation, shy Brandon Vanderkoop doesn't seem to fit the mould of a border officer that patrols between Washington and British Columbia, which separates his native United States from Canada. But when his father pushes him to do it, hoping to quell his introversion, Vanderkoop becomes an unexpected ideal for the job, canny at spotting traffickers and illegal immigrants. His personal success is tested, however, when he discovers his crossborder Canadian crush Madeline is gardening a crop more potent than perennials.

**BookPicks** 

### A Monster's Notes

Author: Laurie Sheck Publisher: Knopf Price: \$37 (Hardcover)



Pulitzer Prize-nominated poet Laurie Sheck reimagines Frankenstein's monster, in his own words, with her first novel, A Monster's Notes. Blending historical fact with plenty of creative fiction, Sheck describes how Frankenstein author Mary Shelley actually met the monster when she was just a girl, sitting near her mother's grave. From there, Sheck uses an experimental narrative style to explore themes of isolation and aesthetic through imaginary letters written by Shelley and the monster's reflection on his own existence. The monster ruminates on everything from leprosy to the piano prowess of composter John Cage in this account of a once-voiceless creation.

- BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

## Complex

• The Aug. 3 hearing on the children will coincide with another hearing on Jackson's complex estate.

# "TAKE # 50% OFF" **SWIMWEAR SALE.**

Keep your bikini on! We're talking about saving up to 50% on selected swimwear, boardshorts, sandals and cover-ups.

**18** entertainment



wedding bells for Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst and girlfriend Ester Nazarov. Durst, 38, tweeted on Thursday, "cheers to the universe from me and my lovely wife Ester Durst!! We are now one and complete." PEOPLE.COM

### **Celebrity Buzz**

### Madonna to visit injured | Exhausted Ne-Yo speaks out

TRAGEDY Madonna continues to pay tribute to those or injured when part of her concert set collapsed on stage workers at a Marseilles stadium, people.com reports.

The singer was scheduled to visit workers yesterday, city officials told

People. The injured are in three local hospitals, and Madonna will visit some or all of them.

The accident occurred July 16 when a crane raising the roof of the stage collapsed. French

lighting Charles Criscenzo, 53, was killed on the stage, and Charles Prow, 23, from Great Britain, died shortly after in hospital. At least eight other workers, some part of Madonna's travelling stage crew, were hospitalized. An investigation has been launched to determine the cause of the accident. METRO NEWS SERVICES

PUSHED TOO HARD Ne-Yo has spoken out afwalking offstage during a concert Thursday, fe-malefirst.co.uk re-

The singer told fans he wasn't feeling well at the start his Manchester show. Fans watched as the sweat-drenched star struggled to move and propped himself up on a table before exiting the stage for a break. A tearful Ne-Yo then

reappeared, telling the audience, "I've never not completed a show, I've never done this before.'

On his blog, Ne-Yo explained: "I have an issue with not knowing when to say enough is enough, so last night in Manchester. my body said it for me.

Fred finds love

For the last five days I've been dealing with a sinus infection. I paid it no real mind, and kept on going, like I always do. My voice couldn't take it."

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### Tom shoulda put a ring on it

BEYONCÉ'S BIGGEST FAN Tom Cruise was spotted getting into a Beyoncé Knowles concert in Los Angeles recently, according to People magazine. Cruise reportedly started dancing to Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It), re-enacting the choreography Knowles made famous in her video for

the single. Everyone was laughing and taking pictures," a source told the magazine.

Brit's new man?

**OPTIONS** Britney Spears is

reportedly dating her agent, Jason Trawick, but

she recently took a break

from her tour to spend

some time with another

The pair got together at

Austin's house in Atlanta, where "it was just the two

of them for a few nights," a

source told Page Six. But

man, producer Dallas

Austin.

Austin's rep

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## Janet and Jermaine split?

ticeably absent from Michael Jackson's memorial service on July 7? Janet Jackson's longtime music exec boyfriend, Jermaine Dupri, usmagazine.com reports.

And for good reason: "His friends are telling people it's over," a

source told Us Weekly. Echoed another: "They have been moving in different directions for a while.'

And why did the seven-year relationship end? shouldn't 'You

mix business with pleasure," a mutual pal explained.

(Dupri produced several tracks on Jackson's last two CDs.) "Janet felt their lives were too crossed and they should have kept things separate.

Plus, the polar opposites were never too compatible. "Iermaine likes to be out there, mingling with everybody, and Janet's more shy.

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### Hollywood hotel bomb scare

CLOSE CALL While police investigating were bomb scare at the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles, actors Kather-ine Heigl and Gerard Butler were forced to evacuate along with 400 guests, ple.com reports.

Butler, one evewitness told People, posed for

pictures with members of the AC Milan soccer team, in town to play the Los Angeles Galaxy Sunday. Heigl, barely recognizable with her hair dyed red, was seen leaving the hotel during the 1:45 p.m. evacuation.

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### auren slams former **BFF Heidi**

FIGHTING WORDS In the August issue of Harper's Bazaar, Lauren Conrad takes Heidi and Spencer Pratt to task over their

fame-seeking ways
— and her former BFF's boob job. Conrad was asked why Heidi decided

to pose in Playboy. In a sly reference to Heidi's cosmetic enhancements, Conrad replied, "They're not going to pay for themselves. Her digs didn't stop

there. don't call magaand let them know

about things so they can write stories," she said of the Pratts. "There was never an incentive to keep doing The Hills so I could get into (Hollywood club) Les Deux. That was never the point. It was more to create a fan base so I can go create a business and do something I re-

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ally love doing.' METRO NEWS SERVICES

### Producer poo-poos Mischa

ON THE OUTS While there's still no word on why actress Mischa Barton was placed under psychiatric care, her absence had its effects.

Barton was unable to attend the premiere of her film, Homecoming, last week, which didn't sit well with producer Bingo Gubelmann.

"It's frustrating, but I'm not going to sot her and trash her," he told Us trash her," he told Us Weekly. "I don't want to be known as the producer that will turn on any actress at the drop of a hat." When asked why picked Barton for the film, he rolled his eyes and said, "It's hard to remember.

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### Kiefer's legal dates delayed

LEGAL WOES Kiefer Sutherland dodged the law Friday when his Manhattan trial for allegedly head-butting fashion designer Jack McCulpost-Though lough was poned. Sutherland and Mc-Cullough resolved their differences over the incident, the 24 star was still expected to appear before a judge. The district attorney involved in the case says the trial has been postponed until further notice, according to Hollyscoop. No new date was set. METRO WORLD

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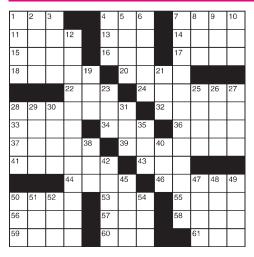








### Take Five



### Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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### **Crossword across**

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- 11 Felonious flights 13 A billion years
- 14 Do as you're told 15 Buckeye State
- 16 Excessively
- 17 Not pre-recorded 18 They get in the whey
- 20 Aspic creation 22 Intention
- 24 South American prairies 28 Santa's runway
- 32 Woo
- 33 Loosen 34 Satchel

- 36 Incite
- 39 On the (discreetly) 41 Shredded

- 57 Time of your life?
- 58 iPod model

### 61 Pale

### **Crossword down**

- 1 United nations
- 3 Eastern potentate
- 5 Prosperous period
- 7 2003 Civil War movie

- 19 Perch

- 59 Carolina college
- 60 Cover

- 4 Wager
- 8 Kimono closer
- 9 Gun the engine
- 10 Decorate Easter eggs
- 21 Varnish ingredient

- 26 Jason's ship
- 27 Hasenpfeffer, e.g.

- 37 Corpulent

- 43 Diamond stick?
- 44 Squad 46 Carries on
- 50 Greek vowel

- 53 Dog's hand 55 Enjoying greatly 56 New Zealand bird

- 2 Hawaiian island
- 6 Prv

- 12 Malt-shop setup
- 23 Unruly group 25 Knitting stitch

- 28 Oxidation result
- 29 Aware of
- 30 Stench 31 Cushion
- 35 Sailor 38 Calendar abbr.
- 40 Series of skirmishes
- 42 Pontifical 45 Creche trio
- 47 Rodents do it
- 48 Sicilian volcano
- 49 Any time now
- 50 Mamie's man
- 51 Lubricate
- 52 Pair 54 Marry

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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### **Metro Recipe of the Day**



### **Coronation** Chicken

### INGREDIENTS 1 chicken, about 3 lbs 1 onion, sliced

- 1 large carrot, coarsely
- chopped 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 6 black peppercorns, lightly crushed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 large banana 2 zucchinis, sliced lengthwise with vegetable
- peeler into thin strips Sprigs fresh mint to garnish
- MANGO AND RAISIN PILAF: 2 cups basmati rice, well
- rinsed 1/3 cup raisins

### 1-3/4 oz dried mango, chopped 2/3 cup pecans

- CURRY DRESSING: 5 oz plain low-fat yogurt 5 tbsp low-fat mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp korma curry paste Grated rind of 1 large lemon 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice 2 tbsp snipped fresh chives
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh mint 2 tbsp chopped parsley Pepper to taste **METHOD:**
- 1. Place chicken in large pot and cover with water Add onion, carrot and celery and bring almost to boil; skim any fat off surface. When bubbles begin to break through

surface, reduce to simmer. Add peppercorns and bay leaf: simmer 45 minutes or

- until juices run clear from chicken thigh when pierced. 2. Remove chicken from liquid and set aside to cool. Pour cooking liquid through fine sieve into measuring cup. Dis-
- card vegetables.
  3. For pilaf, place 2-1/3 cups strained cooking liquid and rice in pot. Stir in raisins and mango. Bring to boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer, according to package instructions, until all liquid has been
- absorbed and rice is tender. 4. Remove rice from heat and set aside, covered, 5 minutes. Transfer rice to bowl to cool completely.
  5. For curry dressing, place yo-
- gurt, mayonnaise, curry paste, lemon rind and juice in bowl; mix well. Stir in chives, mint, parsley and pepper. 6. When chicken is cool, cut into bite-sized pieces and fold into curry dressing. Slice banana and add to chicken mixture. Stir pecans into rice pilaf and spoon onto 6 plates. Arrange zucchini ribbons on pilaf and top with chicken mixture. Garnish with fresh

### mint sprigs and serve. SERVES 6

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### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20 Things look a lot worse than they actually are, especially concerning family issues, but in a few days your outlook will

### brighten considerably. LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23** Career issues have worried you a lot of late, but in a few days you won't care because your personal affairs will be so much more exciting.

### **TAURUS**

APRIL 21-MAY 21 Someone will wonder aloud if you know what you are doing today. Convince them you are still in control: Don't just tell

### them, find ways to show them. **SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22 You may be reserved by nature, but make the most of the sun's final few days in your fellow water sign of Cancer to promote your own interests.

### **GEMINI**

MAY 22-JUNE 21 You know what needs to be done, so get on and do it. You can easily push yourself a bit harder today: Before you know

### it, your task will be finished. **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21
You're on the verge of one of the most exciting times of the year. Focus on all the good things in your life: There are plenty, if you care to look.

### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 The planets warn that others will find out what you're trying to keep from them - so why not say what you've been up

### to? Don't hide it, flaunt it. **CAPRICORN**

The more people understand what you hope to acquire, the more likely they are to help you get it around the time of Wednesday's solar eclipse.

### LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23 Make allowances for those who seem reluctant to follow you on your next big adventure. Maybe they've got more to lose

### from taking risks than you do. **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18
Lately it's seemed as if you had a mountain to climb, but you kept at it and now you're on the brink of a triumph. Shout about your accomplishment.

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VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22 If you're a typical Virgo it's not in your nature to preen. But it's in your interests to have many eyes on you today, so ensure the world knows you exist.

**PISCES** 

FEB 19-MARCH 20
Life has been good lately, but start planning for a more challenging phase. You'll have to double your efforts in the next few weeks, especially at work.







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